

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 118

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A RESOLUTION to designate April 19, 2007, as "Patriots' Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, April 19 marks the significant date in 1775 when the towns of Lexington and Concord were marched upon by British regulars in an effort to confiscate local militias' munitions; and

WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of April 19, 1775, Paul Revere, William Dawes, and Dr. Samuel Prescott sounded a call to arms by riding on horseback through the countryside and warning of this imminent act of suppression; and

WHEREAS, minutemen, militia, and colonists responded to this alarm by assembling at the Village Green in Lexington and the North Bridge in Concord to resist the advance of the British column; and

WHEREAS, the ensuing engagement led to the "shot heard around the world" and the rout of the redcoats; news of these events led to a galvanization of public opinion in favor of the American Colonies gaining independence from Great Britain; and

WHEREAS, unlike the celebration of July 4, Patriots' Day serves to remind citizens of our revolution and the sacrifices endured during that eight-year struggle; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee designates April 19, 2007, as "Patriots' Day" in commemoration of the opening events of the War of the Revolution and the struggle through which the nation passed in its early days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage all citizens of the State of Tennessee to take heed of this date and to participate in its observation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.